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SUBJECT: NEW BULGARIAN AIR FLIGHTS TO LUANDA

1. BALKAN AIRLINES ANNOUNCED JAN 6 OPENING OF REGULAR BIWEEKLY FLIGHT SOFIA-TRIPOLI-LAGOS-LUANDA AND RETURN. FLIGHT WILL BE BY 162-SEAT TUPOLOV 154.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS IS CONSISTENT WITH OTHER REPORTS OF INCREASED BULGARIAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA (AND PROBABLY REFLECTS GOB INTEREST IN KEEPING TRAVEL COSTS OF THIS INVOLVEMENT DOWN).
3. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT FOREIGN MINISTER
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MLADENOV HAD, DURING HIS NOV 28-30 VIIST TO LISBON, MENTIONED BULGARIA'S INTENTION TO INCREASE NUMBER OF BULGARIAN TECHNICIANS IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES STUDYING IN BULGARIA.

4. SPANISH AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD SEEN SOME 50-60 BULGARIANS RETURNING FROM ANGOLA AT AIRPORT

IN MADRID DEC 24. PORTUGUESE EMBOFF SEPARATELY MENTIONED THAT ON ANOTHER MORE RECENT OCCASION HE HAD SEEN A GROUP OF SOME 160 BULGARIANS PASSING THROUGH LISBON WHO HAD LEFT ANGOLA HURRIEDLY. IN BOTH CASES IT WAS REPORTED, WITHOUT INDICATION OF BASIS, THAT CASUALTIES AND MORALE PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM UNITA MILITARY ACTION AGAINST CUBAN, RUSSIAN AND BULGARIAN PERSONNEL WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE DEPARTURES. THEY MAY ALSO, OR ALTERNATIVELY, BE PART OF A YEAR-END ROTATION.
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